

**PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT OF EPSDT AND HEALTHY BABY PROGRAMS:**

Coordinate travel for EPSDT clients into Anchorage for diagnostic or medical care;

Prepare plans and feasibility studies for service provision alternatives;

Market the programs to the private medical community;

Ensure the provision of training and technical assistance for Public Health nurses and others;

Participate with the Public Health Nursing Section in the implementation and training sessions necessary for the Alaska Maternal and Child health Manual for Public Health Nursing, Volumes I - III;

Share new information and provide technical assistance and training to the Section of Nursing, the Anchorage Municipal Health Department and other public providers;

Support the development of quality assurance tools for the Section of Nursing and other providers;

Support or conduct program monitoring;

Enhance our ability to evaluate cost, effectiveness and efficacy;

Interpret and summarize periodic reports on screening activities received from DMA and distribute reports to interested parties including the Policy Unit, and DMA;

Advise the Department of Law, Medicaid Fraud Unit, of any suspected fraudulent actions and the Division of Medical Assistance of any suspected cases of inappropriate system use;

Maintain a system of screening records for use by federal and state personnel in assessing compliance with federal and state EPSDT laws and regulations.

THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE will transfer funds during the appropriate fiscal year through the reimbursable services agreement sufficient to support eligible costs of the Medicaid Services Unit.

## **SECTION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**

## PREVENTIVE SERVICES

Effective Date: July 1, 1995

THE SECTION OF EPIDEMIOLOGY is responsible for providing Preventive Services to the general population, including Medicaid eligible clients. "Preventive Services" are defined as "services provided by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his practice under state law to (1) Prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions or their progression; (2) Prolong life; and (3) Promote physical and mental health efficiency..." among Medicaid eligible clients. (42CFR 440.130) Under this RSA Epidemiology will be reimbursed for covered services specific to the Medicaid eligible population.

"Preventive Services" excludes studies which are primarily pure research; having no direct application to a demonstrated medical need within the Medicaid eligible population.

For the purposes of this agreement, "Preventive Services" include:

- (1) Immunizations;
- (2) Surveillance of sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, diabetes, tuberculosis, cancer, heart disease, environmental health risk assessments; and
- (3) Response to epidemic situations.

The Section of Epidemiology will:

Determine the annual fiscal year participation cost projection based on the ratio of enrolled Medicaid clients to the total Alaska population;<sup>2</sup>

Provide consultation on critical public health issues that impact the Alaska Medicaid population;

Collect and analyze data on the distribution of disease and disorder, and on injuries typically occurring within the Medicaid eligible population;

Perform medical studies which have a direct application to medical need within the Medicaid eligible population;

Produce ad hoc reports on the health status and other preventive services indices of the Medicaid eligible population for DMA and DPH;

Prepare an annual report through the Director of DPH on the Section's implementation of this agreement. The annual report will include an annual (or more often when available)

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<sup>2</sup> The percentage calculation will be based on the most current and available two year average ratio of Medicaid enrolled Alaskans to the total Alaska population. The total number Medicaid enrolled Alaskans will be provided annually by the Division of Medical Assistance. The State population will be provided by the Department of Labor.

summary of activities undertaken and results achieved or anticipated, as well as a statement of the implications for the health of Medicaid eligible recipients.

THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE will:

Transfer funds through a reimbursable services agreement, for the cost of the Section of Epidemiology administering preventive services for Medicaid eligible individuals within the total population;

Periodically assist the Division of Public Health in determining if the list of activities included as "Preventive Services" should be expanded to include other activities that may fall under the Federal definition of Preventive Services (see CFR 440.130).

## **SECTION OF LABORATORIES**

## LABORATORY SERVICES

Effective Date: July 1, 1995

THE SECTION OF LABORATORIES will provide laboratory tests for a variety of conditions among Medicaid eligible clients. It will do this on a "matched file" reimbursement basis, to be accomplished by matching the laboratory files with the Medicaid eligibility files on an annual basis<sup>3</sup>. The match will be made over a 12 month state fiscal year. The prior fiscal year's match will be used to project the Reimbursable Services Agreement funding level.

For the purposes of this agreement, "Laboratory Testing Services" means: "Diagnostic cultures for pathogenic bacteria, viruses and fungi; Microscopic identification of parasites, fungi, bacteria and insects; Serologic diagnosis of bacterial, viral and parasitic infections; Serologic screening to determine immune status, past infection, or to rule out an infectious disease";

In order to implement this agreement, the SECTION OF LABORATORIES will:

- Ensure that policies, procedures and practices established for state public health laboratories will meet all the HCFA requirements established in 42 CFR 405 et seq.;

- Provide supervision and consultation to field laboratory operations conducted by other sections of the division in accordance with the above regulations; and

- Provide laboratory testing services as requested by the providers for Medicaid clients and reporting test results to providers.

THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE will reimburse for laboratory tests through a reimbursable services agreement on a pro rata basis derived from file matches as described above.

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<sup>3</sup> *The development of an estimate of the percentage of tests performed for Medicaid eligible individuals requires matching the data contained in each Lab file with the file containing Medicaid eligibility information extracted from the Medicaid management Information System.*

**SECTION OF MATERNAL, CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH**

Maternal, Child and Family Health

OUTREACH, ELIGIBILITY PREDETERMINATION, REFERRAL

Effective Date: July 5, 1995

THE SECTION OF MATERNAL, CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH is responsible for provision of outreach, pre-eligibility determination and referral services to potentially Medicaid eligible clients served by these programs:

- (1) Audiology;
- (2) Prenatal II;
- (3) Health Care Program for Children with Special Health Care Needs (HCP/CSN).

For the purposes of this agreement, "outreach, pre-eligibility determination and referral services" means that in the course of providing Audiology, Prenatal II and HCP services, Section personnel and contractors will make a special effort to identify persons who may be Medicaid eligible, ensure that they are availed of eligibility determination services and referred to appropriate providers for services.

Activities covered under this agreement will comprise a percentage of all work performed in the these programs. Activities in support of this agreement will be documented by Time Studies conducted by the Medicaid Services Unit, and submitted to the Director of Public Health and to the Director of Division of Medical Assistance.

The Time Study methodology used to determine the percentage of all work performed in the affected programs will consist of selected staff who will track their time spent on all activities for a randomly selected two week period during two quarters of the Fiscal Year. The annual activity report will include a calculation by the Medicaid Services Unit of the sum of the time spent on Medicaid activities divided by the total time spent on all activities. The dividend is the ratio (percentage) of time spent on Medicaid activities. The ratio is calculated for each quarter. The annual percentage is the average percentage of Medicaid time for previous quarters. The average percentage is used as to project the annual anticipated cost.

THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE will transfer funds during the appropriate fiscal year to the Division of Public Health through a reimbursable services agreement, for the costs of outreach, referral and pre-eligibility determination reviews for potentially Medicaid eligible clients served by these programs. The amount of the annual RSA transfer will be based on annual cost projections, based on Time Studies from the previous fiscal year.

Maternal, Child and Family Health

SPECIALITY CLINICS

Effective Date: July 5, 1995

THE SECTION OF MATERNAL, CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH is responsible for provision of direct services through Speciality Clinics. MCFH contracts directly with the University of Washington Hospital and others for physicians to conduct clinics in various regional centers throughout the state. Clinics encompassed by this MOA include: Cleft Lip and Palate; Alcohol Exposed Children; Cardiac Clinic; Neurodevelopmental Clinic; and Genetics Clinic.

Clinics are available to all children for a set fee. Enrolled Medicaid eligible children who participate in the clinics are identified and documented at the time of clinic service. The sum of the set fee for each of the Medicaid eligible children who participate in the clinic will be reimbursed to MCFH as a direct service through this MOA. This reimbursement will be covered within the existing total for the FY 96 RSA between the Division of Medical Assistance and the Division of Public Health.

**SECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**